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REPLY TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

In response to the Requirement for Election of Species mailed on April 4, 2006 (noting a 3 month period for response), Applicants now elect the following species for initial search and examination:

The claimed invention, where the biological material is (A) a blood-derived product that is an (i) immunoglobulin, the metal oxide is (H) silicon dioxide or fumed silica, (K) filtration is used to separate the metal oxide from the mixture, and the resulting solution is evaluated by immunoassay in the form of (vii) a western blot.

Claims 1- 18, 23-30, 32-36 read on the elected species. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's characterization of which claims are generic, Applicants expect to show that all generic claims are patentable.

Although no fees are believed due in connection with this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 09-0528 for any fees that may be due.

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